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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-5, 19-39, 41-48, 50 and 51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6-18, 40 and 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Provisional Applications

Applicant is asked to explain why the provisional applications cited in this application in paragraph 1 do not list him as an inventor.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's letter dated 5/17/2006 correctly indicates claim 1 on which elected claim 49 depends should be acted on. Accordingly, a new action including claim 1 is reissued along with the asked for Official Notice references.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spackova et al.

Spackova a method of processing a body profile (BP) code describing the physical dimensions of a human body to facilitate garment shopping, said method comprising the steps of: Spackova et al (1) defines m different physical dimensional parameters of said human body (the dimensional parameters are read as indicia segments 72; (2) measuring each of said m defined parameters a physical dimension of said body to

produce m values (the computer determines the difference between the viewed triangle and the base point of the base point equilateral triangle" (read as measuring because the difference is the physical dimension of the body being determined); and (3) processing said m values to produce a multiple digits BP code for representing said m values (the computer encodes for about 5-6 bits data related to the reference indicia (col. lines 57 et seq.). The feature of compressed code is an old expedient in the art, official notice is hereby taken of the use of compression data. See, Runton et al. for old use of compression/decompression of data and to use this would be motivated by reduced bandwidth etc. usage.

Claims 40, 1, 6-18, 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spackova et al. in view of Powell. Spackova discloses as set forth above the invention substantially as claimed e.g. coding the data which is appurtenant to the dimension landmarks of the body being measured, but does not disclose a primary compressed n1 digits code and a supplemental n2 digits code for representing said m values and wherein said n2 digits code further comprises a n3 digits code for defining the nature or relationship of said n1 and/or n2 digits code. However, Powell does disclose the use of compressed (in packets) n1 and n2 independent digits to segregate data and further discloses cross correlation of the network addressing code col. 9, lines 13 et seq. to define the nature or relationship between data bit packets. It would be obvious to modify the codes data of Spackova to include the n1 and n2 digit code feature of Powell

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and to compress same into packets as also taught by Powell and further to use one set to modify the other as taught by Powell's cross correlation feature, the motivation being the efficient movement of small items of data through the system without need of cumbersome definitions.

Re claims: 6-12,15-18, 49, the application of what the n1 and n2 data strings do is a function of design and is not a patentable feature e.g., size chart for fitting purpose, enhance resolution, physical dimensional parameter, non-dimensional related information related to said human-body, out of range information of a parameter, quantization linearity of at least one of said parameters, an offset value to be processed with a size chart, the geographical origin of said BP code, and a decoding process.



Regarding claim 13 and 14, the recitation of n3 digits is deemed to be a mere repetition of parts answered by Powell's disclosure of n1 and n3 digits.

Re claim 49: if the length of a data string is too long it would be obvious to carry it over to the n2 digits and the recitation of for recommending a size indicated by said size chart is deemed a mere application of the data which is not deemed patentable.

RE claim 1: Spackova et al disclose col. 4 lines 22-25 the computer retrieving graphical or chart data for a selected article design and because the article size is imaged the value for n is read as infinite, the recommended graphic description is fit to the body.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph A. Fischetti at telephone number 571 272 6780.

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